

**Community Foundation's Perdue-Kresge Challenge Earns
Chamber Award**

***Salisbury Area of Commerce recognizes
"superior effort"***

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore was honored to receive the coveted Chamber Award for its Perdue-Kresge Challenge from the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet March 23.

Martin Neat, chairman of the board, and David Michaud, president of the Community Foundation, joined Frank and Mitzi Perdue in accepting the award. The Perdues have pledged \$4 million in addition to \$2 million offered by the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., to create the Perdue-Kresge Challenge.

The Perdue-Kresge Challenge will generate a total of \$12 million in permanent endowments to benefit the 19 Perdue-Kresge Partners -- nonprofit organizations which benefit residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

The Chamber Award may be presented annually to a "community member who has provided superior effort to the well-being of the community." Since the award was first presented in 1949, only two other organizations have received the award.

"The awards committee was very impressed by the success of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in developing the Perdue-Kresge Challenge and the impact the \$12 million endowments will have on our region," said Charles "Chip" Dashiell, who presented the award.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is dedicated to building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants and providing leadership to address community needs for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

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